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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated January 23, 2007, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-315814, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2003-215035 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (2) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 8-114547 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (3) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 11-295214 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

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- (4) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2000-19110 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (5) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 64-38634 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and
- (6) International Publication No. WO 02/052249 A1.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants further bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated August 15, 2006, with respect to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-319254, in which the following documents were cited:

- (7) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 5-172632 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and
- (8) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 6-323990 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. Copies of the Japanese Office Actions and an English language translation of the Japanese Office Action dated January 23, 2007 are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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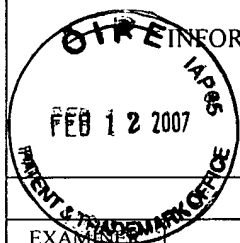


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